

Civic Responsibility

Enduring Understanding

Citizens contribute to the improvement of local communities through volunteerism and the voting process.

Essential Questions

How do citizens contribute to the improvement of a community?

How does the election process work?

How has technology affected the election process?

Students will be able to:

G.3.3.3 — Describe how people affect and alter their environment (e.g. farming, building dams, environmental lighting, irrigation, pit mining)

G.3.3.4 — Discuss ways in which the school and community can improve the physical environment by practicing conservation

C.5.3.2 — Describe how citizens contribute to the improvement of a community (e.g., service projects, volunteerism)

C.5.3.3 — Describe the election process

H.6.3.9 — Identify ways in which technology has changed the world (e.g., computers, fax machines, cell phones)

H.6.3.10 — Examine land development and its impact on a community

Materials Needed/Attachments

- Art supplies

Attachment 1: Home Conservation Checklist

Attachment 2: Arkansas Voter Registration Application

Vocabulary

environment

voting machines

voter registration

ballot

conservation

development

candidate

polling place

volunteerism

impact

election

service project

election process

survey

Teaching Strategies

1. Discuss ways that people affect and alter their environment. If possible, use before and after photos. Discuss projects in their community that have altered that environment.
2. Discuss ways that volunteers serve in the school and community. List ways that families and students participate in school and community volunteer programs.
3. Students will complete a home survey that identifies ways that the family practices conservation (*Attachment 1*).
4. Discuss how voting is a way that citizens can improve their communities.
5. Describe the election process. If possible invite an elected official, representatives from the Secretary of State's office or a local election official (county clerk, election commissioner, etc.) to describe the mechanics of the voting process. The teacher models completing a voter registration application (*Attachment 2*).
6. Using an online puzzle-making program (such as puzzlemaker.com), construct a vocabulary crossword puzzle.
7. Discuss how voting has evolved from paper ballots to electronic voting machines. *(If possible, have children visit a polling place, have local officials discuss the method used in local elections, or contact Election Coordinators from the Secretary of State's Office to describe this process.)*

Assessments/Rubrics

Teacher observation of student participation in class discussions

Completion grade on vocabulary crossword puzzle

Home Conservation Checklist

Is my family green-minded? Are we doing everything we can to help the environment?

INSTRUCTIONS: Place a check next to the items that your family already does to help the environment.

ENERGY CONSERVATION

- ___ Uses energy efficient windows and doors
- ___ Uses energy efficient appliances (washer, dryer, dishwasher, water heater, heat, air, etc.)
- ___ Turns lights off when leaving a room
- ___ Turns air conditioner and heater temperatures to reasonable settings
- ___ Leaves few electronic items on when leaving home
- ___ Uses energy efficient light bulbs

WATER CONSERVATION

- ___ Uses water efficient appliances
- ___ Uses water efficient commodes
- ___ Does not use commode as trash can (flushing a bug, flushing facial tissue, etc.)
- ___ Conserves water when bathing: reasonable water levels in tub and short shower times
- ___ Turns water off when brushing teeth or shaving
- ___ Does not use kitchen sink for washing grease or other oily substances down the drain
- ___ Does not wash car/truck in the yard or driveway

GASOLINE CONSERVATION

- ___ Uses a hybrid automobile
- ___ Uses an economy car that gets reasonable gas mileage
- ___ Carpools as often as possible
- ___ Runs errands on same car trip (not multiple car trips for several errands)

RECYCLES

- ___ Recycles aluminum cans
- ___ Recycles plastic bags
- ___ Recycles plastic jugs/bottles
- ___ Recycles glass jars/bottles
- ___ Recycles newspaper

GREEN-MINDED ACTIONS

- ___ Composts food waste/leftovers for lawn or garden
- ___ Grows a vegetable or herb garden
- ___ Grows a butterfly garden or other habitat for living things
- ___ Makes toys, crafts, and/or art from recycled or natural materials
- ___ Does not litter and picks up litter
- ___ Uses recycled home building/repair materials
- ___ Does not use harmful chemicals in the yard (can drain into ground water and hurt living things)
- ___ Plants trees when possible

Score: (25-30, green-minded; 18-24, trying to become green-minded; 17 or less, needs to conserve, recycle, reduce, reuse, and plant to become green-minded)

Voter Registration

PLEASE PRINT AND USE BLACK INK TO COMPLETE

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ARKANSAS VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION

Check all that apply:
☐ This is a new registration.
☐ This is a name change.
☐ This is an address change.
☐ This is a party change.

Office Use Only

Assigned ID

1	Mr. Mrs. Miss Ms.	Last Name	Jr. II. III. IV.	Sr.	First Name	Middle Name			
	2		Address Where You Live (See Section "C" Below) (Rural addresses must draw map.)		Apt. or Lot #	City/Town	County	State	Zip Code
3	Address Where You Receive Mail If Different From Above		Apt. or Lot #	City/Town	County	State	Zip Code		
4	Date of Birth		5		Home & Work Phone Numbers (Optional) (H) (W)		6	Party Affiliation (Optional)	
7	ID Number - Check the applicable box and provide the appropriate number. <input type="checkbox"/> Driver's license number <input type="checkbox"/> If you do not have a driver's license provide the last 4 digits of social security number <input type="checkbox"/> I have neither a driver's license nor social security number.						8		Have you ever voted in a federal election in this State? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	9 (A) Are you a citizen of the United States of America and an Arkansas resident? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (B) Will you be eighteen (18) years of age or older on or before election day? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (C) Are you presently adjudged mentally incompetent by a court of competent jurisdiction? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (D) Have you ever pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to, or found guilty of a felony without your sentence having been discharged or pardoned? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (E) Do you claim the right to vote in another county or state? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If you checked No in response to either questions A or B, do not complete this form. If you checked Yes in response to one or more of questions C, D or E, do not complete this form.						Signature of elector - Please sign full name or put mark.		
10							Date: _____ Month Day Year If applicant is unable to sign his/her name, provide name, address and phone number of the person providing assistance: Name: _____ Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Phone#: _____		

Please complete the sections below if:

MAIL REGISTRANTS: PLEASE SEE SECTION D.

- You were previously registered in another county or state, or
- You wish to change the name or address on your current registration.

Agency Code (For Official Use Only)

A	Mr. Mrs. Miss Ms.	Previous Last Name	Jr. II. III. IV.	Sr.	First Name	Middle Name(s)
	Date of Birth _____ Month Day Year					

B	Previous House Number and Street Name	Apt. or Lot #	City or Town	County	State	Zip Code
	If you live in a rural area but do not have a house or street number, or if you have no address, please show on the map where you live.					

C	• Write in the names of the crossroads (or streets) nearest where you live. • Draw an "X" to show where you live. • Use a dot to show any schools, churches, stores or other landmarks near where you live and write the name of the landmark.						
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• Grocery Store							
Woodchuck Road							
• Public School	X						

IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

IMPORTANT: If you are a first time registrant submitting this application by mail, a copy of a current and valid photo ID or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows your name and address **MUST** be submitted with this application in order to avoid additional ID requirements upon voting for the first time.

Voter Registration

Secretary of State
ATTN: Voter Registration
P. O. Box 8111
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-8111

First
Class
Postage
Required

From:

Deadline Information

To qualify to vote in the next election, you must apply to register to vote 30 days before the election. If you mail this form, it must be postmarked by that date. You may also present it to a voter registration agency representative by that date. If you miss the deadline you will not be registered in time to vote in that election.

If you are qualified and the information on your form is complete, you will be notified of your voting precinct by your local County Clerk.

To Mail

Fold form on middle perforation, remove plastic strip, seal at bottom, stamp and mail.

Questions?

Call your local County Clerk

or

Secretary of State's Office Voter Services

1-800-482-1127

TDD 1-800-262-4704

Contact your County Clerk if you have not received confirmation of this application within two weeks.